

Regarding severe water scarcity in Rayalaseema, Andhra Pradesh

SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU (KURNOOL): Rayalaseema region is frequently affected by drought. This is due to the scarcity of water. As a person belonging to this region, I would like to express the difficulties faced by the farmers from my experience of observing them from close quarters. Only 25% of land in this region is getting irrigation facilities. Therefore, there is a need to find a permanent solution to this problem. In this direction, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu has come up with a special action plan. Polavaram-Munagacherla Project is a lifeline of this region, where reservoirs need to be built at Bollapalle in Guntur district and at Munagacherla in Nandyal district. This project plays an important role in diverting water to this region. This revolutionary project will provide irrigation facilities to 80 lakh acres of land and drinking water to this region. Therefore, in our pursuit to provide a permanent solution to this problem, I request the Union Government through Parliament to provide additional funds for this project, which is a lifeline of Rayalaseema. I also request that there is a need to procure 40,500 acres of land for this project, out of which 17,000 acres of land is a forest land. Therefore, I request the Union government to do the needful for finding a permanent solution to this impending problem of our region.